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1. In 1949 Soviet factories started production of large quantities of kitchen utensils manufactured from a metal which was aluminum or an alloy with a large percent of aluminum. Since that date, I noticed that pots, saucepans, frying pans, cups, plates, pitchers, teapots and coffeepots manufactured from this metal have become much more plentiful in shops in large Soviet cities. There has been a definite trend in the USSR to replace old-fashioned enamelware by this new kitchenware. I believe also that the price of this kitchenware has been going down. In 1949 I paid 90 rubles for a 3½ liter pot; today the same type costs 40 rubles.
2. This kitchenware does not carry a trademark by which one could identify the factory where it was manufactured. During the first post-war years I remember seeing aluminum kitchenware which carried the trademark "Odessa...." The use of overt manufacturer's trademarks has been discontinued and replaced by a system of three or four letters which do not identify the manufacturer.
3. I have never heard, and I doubt very much, if this kitchenware is manufactured in aircraft factories. I am more inclined to believe that it is made in various kitchenware factories. Considering the direction from which these goods are shipped to Astrakhan' I believe that these factories are located in oblasts in central USSR, eg, Moscow, Kharkov, Novtorod, Gorkiy. (I have also heard rumors to this effect.) I might add that in addition to kitchenware, many "aluminum" children's toys have appeared on the market recently.
4. I don't know to what extent aluminum has been stockpiled in the USSR.  
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